Telecast of Seoul ASIAD

*70. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made by Doordarshan for telecasting the Seoul Asiad to be held in South Korea this year; and

(b) whether Government propose to send its own crew for televising or has entered into a contract with any foreign company to telecast the games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b). Doordarshan proposes to take via satellite 40 mts. daily highlights of the Games to be prepared by the Korean Broadcasting System. It is also proposed to take live feed of the Men Hockey matches of Quarter final, Semi-final and Final. No decision has yet been taken to send a Doordarshan crew for Seoul Asiad and no contract has been entered into with any foreign Company for telecast of these Games.

Unauthorised construction of buildings in Delhi

*71. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unauthorised construction of residential-cum-commercial buildings in Delhi in violation of the Municipal bye-laws:

(b) whether Government have made any assessment in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

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THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOD): (a) to (c) There was large scale unauthorised construction in Delhi in the past. After making an assessment of the situation and in view of humanistic considerations, Government decided to regularise unauthorised colonies covering residential and commercial structures constructed upto 30-6-77 and 16-2-77 respectively, after fitting them into layout plans keeping clear space for roads and other community facilities. At the same time, the Government made it clear that further unauthorised construction would be viewed seriously and dealt with severely. The Govt. has since taken remedial steps to deal with the continuing menance of unauthorised construction as indicated in the annexed statement.

Statement

The following remedial steps have been taken:—

(i) A directive was issued to all concerned that encroachments on public property should be checked in the very beginning and not allowed to become permanent when it becomes difficult to remove them.

(ii) The Delhi Development Act, 1957, The Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911 (as applicable to New Delhi Municipal Committee area) and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 were amended in May, 1984 to declare unauthorised construction and encroachment cognizable offence and also provide for Appellate Tribunal to hear appeals against the orders of demolition in Delhi to the exclusion of the jurisdiction of the Civil Courts. The provisions relating to the declaration of these offences as "cognizable offences" had been enforced last year. The provisions relating to setting up Appellate Tribunals have also since been enforced (with effect from 10-2-1986 in respect of Delhi Municipal Corporation Act and Punjab Municipal

Act and 24-2-1986 in respect of Delhi Development Act).

(iii) A meeting was taken by the Home Minister on 18-6-1985 in which guidelines were laid down for prevention and checking of unauthorised construction and it was decided to fix responsibility for this purpose at fairly high level in the concerned organisations.

(iv) The local bodies and DDA have been taking action for demolition of unauthorised construction from time to time under the relevant laws.

(v) A special cell created by Delhi Administration in 1980 registered 2,942 cases in connection with racketeering in land and 3,942 persons were arrested upto 16-2-1986.

(vi) The cases of unauthorised construction of commercial nature are also referred to DESU authorities for disconnection of electricity.

Integrated steel plants in the Private Sector

*72. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow the private sector to set up integrated steel plants;

(b) whether it contravenes the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956;

(c) whether it is a fact that steps have already been taken in that direction;

(d) whether some industrial houses including some companies of Birla group and the Tata Iron and Steel Company have sought licences for the purpose; and

(e) whether any decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir. But an integrated steel plant in the private sector is already producing steel.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Considering the likely gap between the demand and availability of finished steel, Government are considering appropriate measures to meet the gap which would include improved capacity utilisation and expansion of the existing steel plants and the establishment of additional electric arc furnace based steel making units in the private sector.

(d) A number of applications, including some from companies of Birla Group have been received for grant of industrial licences for manufacture of steel/finished steel through electric arc furnace route. Tata Iron and Steel Company has also informed the Government that they are considering expansion to make more flat products. No formal application has, however, been made by them.

(e) No, Sir.

Investigation into defective construction of Delhi Development Authority flats

*73. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints about the faulty construction of and major defects in DDA flats in 7/3A Pocket B, Phase III, Ashok Vihar, Delhi have been investigated; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir, there was a complaint of faulty construction and